Arey PPHN!!! How to manage?





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Scenario.....

Labour and Delivery:

- Term infant, NVD, Thin MSL
- Vigorous at birth
- > APGAR 8, 9
- At 1 hr nurse noted baby to be dusky, with rapid breathing

Vitals:

SpO₂ 55% in room air HR 146/min Faint murmur Mod retractions Temp 36.6 C CRT 5-6 sec MBP = 36 mmHg RR 60/min

SpO2 -Pre69% & Post 50% in FiO_2 100%



Scenario.....

Intervention:

Intubated [CMV 24/6, 50/m, Ti 0.35s]

FiO₂ 100%, SpO₂ 85 / 69%

Art Gas: 7.01/79/35/16/ -12



What are the differential ?



Sepsis and Shock



Congenital heart disease



MAS with PPHN



All of the above



None of the above

PPHN

Failure of normal postnatal adaptation with **persistent high PVR** (pulmonary vascular resistance) leading to --

Right ventricular failure and

➢ Pulmonary ↔ systemic channel shunting



Clinical assessment...

- Baby have respiratory distress
- Difference of 10-15 % in Pre and Post ductal SpO2
- Hyperoxia test
- Hyperoxia Hyperventilation test
- Other predisposing factors
- Shock, poor perfusion

Clinical assessment <u>ALONE</u> does not allow accurate evaluation of the nature of the cardiovascular compromise



4Chamber colour doppler





Traditional teaching

- Oxygen vasodilator, keep SpO2 99-100, PaO2 80 or above
- Hyperventilate to
 - Alkalotic pH
 - Co2 wash out
- Give Sodabicarb to achieve alkalosis
- Give Dopamine , Adrenalin to achieve suprasystemic Blood pressures

Physiologic Approach

Treat the problem not the consequences

> Optimize lung recruitment

Effective pulmonary vasodilation

Achieve normal cardiac output and blood pressure

Ventilation

- Appropriate setting to minimize lung damage
 - Different modes (HFOV, HFJV)
 - Try to avoid high MAP tend to change mode from conventional if
 - MAP 12 or more and FiO2 > 60% to maintain SPo2
 - OI are > 15
 - Measures to decrease PVR
 - Never hyperventilate

Oxygen & PPHN

Pulmonary vasodilator

paO₂ target range? > 95% vs 90-85%

Merits of post-ductal SpO₂ monitoring?

Oxygen Paradox



Oxygen Saturation Target

Target <u>pre-ductal</u> SpO₂ [88-94%] and paO₂ [50-80 mmHg]

No evidence to support SpO₂ > 95% or paO2 > 80 mmHg

Cautious approach to pre-post ductal gradient (?? > 75% acceptable if lactate, pH, urinary output normal)

Mean Airway Pressure & Blood flow





Figure 1 Effects on individual LVO of changes from CV to HFO at T1, and from HFO to CV at T2.

Laubscher 1996 Arch Dis Child

Mirro 1987 J Pediatr

Right Heart Compromise



Left Heart Compromise



Cardiotropic Drugs in PPHN?



Physiologic Considerations:

- Impaired RV contractility and \downarrow pulmonary blood flow
- Pressure loaded RV
- Compromised left heart preload and low cardiac output
- Hypercontractile LV

Which Inotrope you start 1st in PPHN ?

Dopamine



Dobutamine



Milrinone



Goal is maintenance of effective tissue perfusion

- Target normal systolic and diastolic blood pressures
- Ensure adequate cardiac output state (urinary output, pH, lactate)

Dobutamine is preferable for neonates with <u>hypotension</u> and signs of a <u>low cardiac output</u> (RV or LV) state

Cardiotropic agents:

Inodilators – *milrinone*, *dobutamine*

Vasopressors – *dopamine, epinephrine, vasopressin*

Case : Baby S

• Term 38+4 wks B W 3.11KG Baby Girl

Maternal H/O:

- 33 yrs G4P1A2
- Not received steroids
- No HT/DM/PROM
- Antenatal UGS and Dopplers normal

L&D:

- By emergency LSCS (Fetal distress)
- Cry delayed (Born at peripheral centre)
- APGARS NK
- Liquor Meconium stained

Case : Baby S

Resuscitation:

- HR 20 /min
- No respiratory efforts
- Intubated with ET no 3.5 suction through ET done
- No meconium sucked through ET
- CPR done
- Adrenalin with 0.1ml /kg 1:10,000 given 1st dose through ET
- Did not respond so UVC was put in
- CPR continued for 5 mins
- 2 more doses of Adrenalin was given through UVC and the 3rd dose was 0.2 ml/kg 1:10,000
- With the 3rd dose NS bolus of 10ml/kg stat and 1ml/kg of NaHCO3 was given through UVC

Case : Baby S

- Transport Team retrieved her
- On bag and tube and transport ventilator
- Team reached at 20 mins of life and baby had one cardiac arrest
- CPR and Adrenalin 4th dose given with 0.3ml/kg and revived
- Vitals:
 - HR: 110/min

RR: bag and tube

- SPO2: Rt. Arm 56% on 100% O2
- Pulses poor in all 4 limbs
- CRT 5 secs
- No activity
- NBP not done
- 1st gasp at 25 mins of life

NICU course

- When reached unit
- Conventional ventilator
- Settings:
 - AC mode
 - PIP started 20 and increased to 28
 - PEEP started 6 increased to 8
 - Ti 0.36secs RR-40 /min
 - End up with PIP/PEEP- 28/8 ------MAP 13
 - FiO2 100%
- Vitals:
 - HR 130/min
 - RR 40 (20 self breaths)
 - NBP 30/18 (22)
 - SPO2 : Rt hand 78% and Rt. Leg 56%
 - Temp: 36.4 degree

NICU course

• When examined:

- Poor tone
- AF at level
- Pupils mid dilated sluggish to react
- Pulses weak in all the 4 limbs
- S1S2 heard , no murmur and S2 loud
- Abdomen was distended with Liver 5-6 cm below right costal margin
- Chest was clear no added sounds

• Investigations:

 ABG (40 mins)- pH- 6.66, PaCO2- 41.4, PaO2- 75.5, HCO3- 4.5, BE(-31.4)

Severe Metabolic acidosis

NICU course

- Investigations:
 - Lactate 145 ($\uparrow\uparrow$)
 - CBC: Hb- 12.6, WBC-41,400, Plt- 1.09 lac
 - Serum calcium total7.8
 - -CXR
 - Ab US- Hepatomegaly with mild Ascites
 - HUS -- normal



NICU course...Baby S

- She was shifted to HFOV (Sensor medics 3100 A)
- Settings of Ti 33%, MAP 14, Amplitude 30, FiO2 100%
- 1 hr after :
 - ABG: pH- 7.072, PaCO2- 32.7, PaO2- 29.9, HCO3 4.5, BE(-19.3)
 - Metabolic acidosis with CO2 wash out
- OI- 34.4
- Lactate 121(个)
- Q: What Next, you have everything in the world?
 Nitirc Oxide (iNO)

•iNO started at the dose of 20ppm and then weaned off in the next 17 hrs as per the unit protocol

•CXR – shows better opened lung fields and cardiac size reduced

•ABG: 3hrs post iNO: pH-7.284, PaCO2- 29.3, PaO2- 99.6, HCO3- 13.6, BE(-11.8)

- •Lactate: 57
- •MAP 9

•OI- 3.6

Q: What parameters you will change on HFOV?

•Decrease Amplitude

•Decrease FiO2

•Wean MAP

One at a time please



Intervention Time(hrs)	40 mins CMV	6 hrs CMV	6.5 hrs HFOV & iNO	9 hrs iNO& HFOV	30 hrs CMV	42 hrs Extubated	42 hrs CPAP
рН	6.66	7.072		7.284	7.299		7.278
PaCO2	41.4	32.7		29.3	26.8		35.7
PaO2	75.5	29.9		99.6	98.1		83.5
HCO3	4.5	9.4		13.6	12.9		16.3
BE	-31.4	-19.3		-11.8	-12.1		-9.5
Lactate	145	121		57			
MAP	10	10.3	14	9	8		
OI	13.2	34.4		3.6	3		

Treatment

Gold standard treatment– iNO

Adjunctive Pulmonary vasodilation therapy –

Milrinone, Sildinafil, Vasopressin etc.





Selective pulmonary vasodilation

Bronchodilator activity

Surfactant stimulation

iNO and Death/ECMO

Review: Nitric oxide for respiratory failure in infants born at or near term

Comparison: 01 Inhaled iNO versus control

Outcome: 01 Death or requirement for ECMO

Study	iNO n/N	Control n/N	Relative Risk (Fixed) 95% Cl	Weight (%)	Relative Risk (Fixed) 95% CI
01 Death or requirement f allow backup use of iNO	for ECMO; studies wt in controls	nich did not			
Christou 2000	5/21	11/20	•	5.3	0.43 [0.18, 1.02]
Clark 2000	38/113	63/104		30.6	0.56 [0.41, 0.75]
Davidson 1997	33/114	16/41		11.0	0.74 [0.46, 1.20]
Ninos 1996	52/114	76/119		34.7	0.71 [0.56, 0.91]
Roberts 1996	12/30	20/28		9.6	0.56 [0.34, 0.92]
Wessel 1996	9 /26	8/23		4.0	1.00 [0.46, 2.15]
Subtotal (95 % CI) Test for heterogeneity chi-s Test for overall effect=-5.3	149 /418 square=4,31 df=5 p=0.6 5 p<0.00001	194/335 061	•	95.1	0.65 [0.55, 0.76]
02 Death or requirement f backup use of iNO in con	for ECMO; studies wh ntrols	nich allowed			
Barefield 1996	679	6/8		3.0	0.89 [0.48, 1.64]
Mercier 1998	5 / 55	4/52		1.9	1.18 [0.34, 4.16]
Subtotal (95% CI) Test for heterogeneity chi-s Test for overall effect=0.01	11764 square=0.22 df=1 p=0.6 1 p=1.0	10760 3414		4.9	1.00 [0.53, 1.90]
Total (95% CI) Test for heterogeneity chi-s	160 / 482 square=6.05 df=7 p=0.5	204/395 343	*	100.0	0.66 [0.57, 0.78]
Test for overall effect=-5.1	9 p<0.00001				
		.i	.2 1 5	10	
			Favors iNO Favors control		

Barrington, & Finer 2008

Author	Population	Dose	Time	Intermed. outcomes	CLD	CNS
Kinsella 1999 (n=80)	<34 wks a : A < 0.22	5 ppm	D 0-7	↑ a:A ratio	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow
Schrieber 2003 (n=207)	<34 wks < 3 d	10 ppm 5 ppm	D 1 D 1-7	N/A	\downarrow	↓ severe IVH/PVL
Van Meurs 2005 (n=420)	< 34 wks OI > 10	5-10 ppm	D 0-3	N/A	↔ >1kg:↓	↔ < 1kg:↑
Hascoet 2005 (n=415)	<34 wks a : A < 0.22	5 ppm	clin	a:A response 45%	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow
Mestan 2005	<34 wks < 3 d	10 ppm 5 ppm	D 1 D 1-7	N/A	\downarrow	↓ delay & disability
Ballard 2006 (n=582)	< 32 wks < 1250 g	20 ppm→ 10, 5, 2	D7-21	\downarrow O ₂ duration Early disch.	\downarrow	\leftrightarrow
Kinsella 2006 (n= 793)	< 34 wks < 48 hrs old 500-1250g	5ppm	D1-21	N/A	\leftrightarrow	↓ 750-999g

Need for Adjunctive therapy

30-40% patients iNO <u>non-responders</u>

NINOS 1997 NEJM

- Escalating <u>costs</u> of iNO treatment
- Short (peroxynitrate generation) & long-term (altered DNA structure) <u>side effects</u> of iNO treatment
- Role in Preterms

Other Pulmonary Vasodilators



Other Pulmonary Vasodilators

Pulmonary Hypertension and Right Ventricular Dysfunction in Growth-Restricted, Extremely Low Birth Weight Neonates

Olivier Danhaive, MD Renée Margossian, MD Tal Geva, MD Stella Kourembanas, MD hypotensive episode. The echocardiograms, performed during the acute episode as part of the work-up, showed severe pulmonary hypertension and right ventricle (RV) dysfunction. The goals of this report are to describe the clinical and hemodynamic features of these patients. and to discuss the pathophysiology and the

Neonatal Persistent Pulmonary Hypertension Treated with Milrinone: Four Case Reports

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Milrinone - Oxygenation

Oxygenation index

inhaled Nitric Oxide



- \downarrow FiO₂, MAP and \uparrow pO₂
- \downarrow base deficit & \downarrow lactate

Sahni M et al, PAS 2010.

Take Home



- PPHN is about <u>elevated PVR</u> and <u>impaired myocardial</u> <u>performance</u>
- Consider impact of oxygen and mechanical ventilation keep SPo2 88- 95% avoid hyperoxia
- Consider tolerating postductal SpO₂ > 75%
- Avoid hyperventilation , CO2 wash out for creating Alkalosis

Take Home



- Avoid Sodabicarb therapy
- iNO is an effective pulmonary vasodilator but issues related to toxicity, lack of response , lack of free availability
- Evidence for <u>Adjunctive therapy</u> (milrinone / sildenafil) promising
- Consider <u>cardiotropic</u> support to optimize cardiac output (but not to induce systemic hypertension or raise postductal SpO₂)
- Avoid vasoconstricting agents that increased pulmonary vascular resistance

